

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2006
(Approved February 22, 2006)

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Commission held their monthly meeting on January 25, 2006. Attending the meeting were Constance Megay and Timothy Roland, East Coventry Township; Bernard Gladieux, Jr. and Gregory Lignelli II, Douglass Township; Andy Paravis, North Coventry Township; James Vlahos and Dan Weand, Borough of Pottstown; Ralph Fluharty and Kurt Zebrowski, New Hanover Township; John Gambino and Patrick O'Neill, West Pottsgrove Township; Tom Troutman and Steve Klotz, Lower Pottsgrove Township; Elwood Taylor and Megan DeLena of Upper Pottsgrove Township.

John Cover – Montgomery County Planning Commission
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Bonnie L. Frisco – Recording Secretary

1. Welcome and Meeting Called to order.

Mr. Cover called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Election of Officers

Mr. Paravis was nominated to position of Chairman and the nomination carried unanimously. Mr. Vlahos was nominated to position of Vice Chairman and the nomination carried unanimously. Mr. Bud Jenschke was nominated to remain in the position of Treasurer and the nomination carried unanimously.

3. Montgomery County Planning Commission Resolution of Commendation

Mr. Cover noted a resolution of commendation that was adopted by the Montgomery County Planning Commission addressing the efforts put forth by the Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Commission for the successful preparation of the Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Comprehensive Plan.

4. Organization and Operation

Ms. Frisco was nominated to position of Secretary and the nomination carried unanimously.

Specific additional duties to the Secretary position will be discussed at a later date.

There was a brief discussion regarding the dates and locations for the 2006 meetings. It was agreed the date and time would remain the same. The location may change for future meetings to accommodate possible storage of materials. The next meeting will be held the same place as this evening's meeting.

There was a review of the various forms and procedures as presented by Mr. Cover.

5. Printing of the Adopted Plan, Number and Allocation

It was noted that any Township or Borough requiring additional copies of the Regional Comprehensive Plan could contact Mr. Paravis or Mr. Cover.

6. Training and Education of Manager/Secretaries, Professional Staff and Appointed Board of Review

There was a brief discussion regarding the training of appropriate personnel on the forms and procedures. Township Manager, Secretaries, Township Engineers and, if appropriate, Sewer Authorities should be trained on the forms and procedures. A representative from the Montgomery County Planning Commission will provide such trainings. Trainings may be held in the evening to accommodate Planning Commissions and other members who are not available during the day.

7. Preliminary Consistency Reviews by MCPC for Municipal Zoning Codes and Maps

There was a brief discussion regarding the reviews by the MCPC. It was noted that plans would need to be sent to Chester County Planning Commission for review when applicable.

8. Comprehensive Plan Amendment: Lower Pottsgrove Township

Mr. Vlahos moved to approve the plan amendment as submitted by Lower Pottsgrove Township to change some parcels to “Community Centers” instead of the current “Rural Resource” classification. This item was inadvertently omitted from the final Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Lignelli seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Zoning Consistency Review of the proposed TC/TN and R2-M Districts for New Hanover Township

Mr. Klotz moved to approve the plan amendment to revise the boundaries of the R-25 Residential District and replace the R-50 Residential District with a new R-2M Residential District as submitted by New Hanover Township. Mr. Vlahos seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Montgomery County 2006-2008 Planning Assistance Contract

Mrs. Megay moved to approve the Montgomery County 2006-28 Planning Assistance Contract as found in MCPC Contract #552. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

12. Adjournment

Mr. Paravis moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Mr. Vlahos seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary